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## Indignant Parents Put Another Puncture in Principal's Statement

Statement That Pupils Who Failed to Pass Their Departmental Examinations in 1914 Had Also Failed to Pass in 1913, But Were Nevertheless Promoted by a Former Principal Flatly Contradicted by Many Parents.

Though The Bulletin went into the local school question pretty thoroughly last week, with the idea that once should be enough, yet there has been a point raised by a number of taxpayers during the past week, that really calls for some explanation on the part of the principal of the school. In the last issue of The Bulletin, in the letter written by the secretary of the school board, the following paragraph appeared:

"Further, that the class that failed were mostly IF NOT ALL pupils who had failed the previous year, and notwithstanding had been promoted by a former principal."

As previously stated in these columns, there were six candidates who wrote on the departmental examinations from Coleman last midsummer—three on the Grade 8 examinations and three on the Grade 10. Of all

these only ONE passed. Of the pupils who were plucked on the Grade 8 examination (all three of them) two did not write the previous year, and therefore could not have "failed," while the third was one of Mr. Black's own children, and could hardly have "failed the previous year, and notwithstanding had been promoted by a previous principal," for the simple reason that he was in Wainwright where Mr. Black held the position of principal.

Then as to the Grade 10 pupils who failed: There were two of these. One has since gone to the United States, and his parents could not be interviewed, but the other one was in Vancouver the year previous and wrote his examination there.

The above information has been gathered by The Bulletin direct from the parents of the children concerned and is a pretty flat contradiction of the principal's contention as shown

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## "Never Mind The Steam Guage--Give Us More Heat"

Did the above reckless words fall from the lips of an engineer on a fast-express train? No! Was it the frantic admonition of the chief engineer of a British warship chasing the Germans? No! But surely then, it must have been a phrase uttered by the commander of the Emden to his over-worked stokers when he was making a despairing effort to get away from the British cruiser Australian? No, dear reader, nothing of the kind.

"Never mind the steam guage—give us more heat."

Those electrifying words were uttered by the principal of our public school—Coleman public school—one day during the past winter when the mercury took a notion to drop. Little did the pupils on the floor above imagine that such heroic measures were being urged for their special comfort as they labored over their daily algebra, or listened to the reading of the Ghost Story, or that their lives were being risked in order to "give us more heat."

It happened thus: The weather was cold, and the janitor was finding it rather difficult to keep the building

warm. He had good fires going and the steam guage showed all the pressure the boilers would stand. Mr. Black went to the furnace room and asked for more heat. The janitor replied that he had as much steam on as he dared to have, and asked the principal to look at the steam guage.

Then it was that those awe-inspiring and reckless words were uttered: "NEVER MIND THE STEAM GAUGE—I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT—BUT GIVE US MORE HEAT."

Once more the janitor tried to explain the circumstances, pointing out the danger of an explosion, but was again squelched with: "I DON'T CARE ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR GAUGE—PUT ON MORE FIRE AND GIVE US MORE HEAT."

This incident is vouched for by a man of unquestioned standing in the community, though was not obtained from the janitor by The Bulletin. It will give fond parents something to think about—while they are digging up their share of that \$1500.00 salary.

## Wonderful New Torpedo Has Been Invented By a Coleman Business Man

Local Inventor Claims That His Torpedo Has Many Points of Advantage Over "Magnetic Torpedo" Described in a Calgary Paper Recently, and Alleged to Have Been Invented by an American.—Local Invention Being Forwarded to Ottawa.

After reading an interesting news item in the Calgary News-Telegram a few days ago descriptive of a newly invented magnetic torpedo, the people of Coleman will no doubt be surprised to hear the idea is not quite so new as would appear, inasmuch as one of our local business men has been working on a similar invention for a long time and now has his idea thoroughly worked out and completed. Mr. A. E. Knowles is the inventor referred to, and he claims that he has perfected a torpedo that can be used to much greater advantage than the one described by the Calgary paper, and more than that, he also has an invention that can be used to defend the ships of the country using it from torpedoes of any description—magnetic or any other kind.

Mr. Knowles allowed the editor of The Bulletin to examine his plans and drawings four months ago, but at present he will not permit any details to be published, or drawings shown and in this connection contends that if the invention of the American, referred to in the above newspaper, was half as good as the inventor claims it is he would never have allowed it to be described to the public at large in so open and widespread a manner.

After having gone into Mr. Knowles' invention, his diagrams and drawings, as thoroughly as we were able to do

The Bulletin is impressed with the simplicity, and at the same time the wonderful possibilities of the idea involved. If this torpedo ever proves to be as great a success as the inventor feels it will, then it will revolutionize naval warfare to a much greater extent than did the advent of either the submarine or the airship.

In connection with the article concerning the invention of a magnetic torpedo by an American, which appeared in the News-Telegram a few days ago, it is interesting to note that it has since been entirely contradicted in at least two of the largest papers on the continent. More than that, Mr. Knowles has been able to show in many ways that this magnetic torpedo will never do the work which its inventor claims for it.

Mr. Knowles has entrusted the work of securing his patent to the firm of Featherstonehaugh & Co., patent attorneys of Montreal, and if it goes through it will be the third invention for which our townsman has succeeded in securing a patent. The idea of the new torpedo is being registered at Ottawa first.

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Best quality Overalls and Jumpers. Fireman's Cap given free with every suit. SPECIAL FOR CASH, \$2.15 per suit.

### Soft Felt Hats

All our Soft Hats, values up to \$3.00, SPECIAL \$1.50.

## Free! Free!

Every Dollar spent here entitles you to one chance of a Twenty-five Dollar Suit of Clothes FREE.

## Cecil Gower

Sole Agent for Hobberlin Tailoring  
THE MEN'S STORE. Coleman, Alta.

### Ladies' Spring Suits

Just arrived—our New Suits in the latest and most up-to-the minute styles, with the new medium-full skirts and short coats. Made in the finest quality Serges and Panama Cloths, in navy blue. Prices \$15 to \$20. The fact that they are "Roger" Garments is a guarantee of style and workmanship.

### Ladies' Spring Coats

We expect a small advance shipment in a few days.

### Ladies' White Waists

New styles and best value you ever saw. We sell them at \$1.25 and would like you to compare them with anything you can find at two dollars.

## Groceries

Fruit in medium heavy syrup—Strawberries, Raspberries, Plums, 3 tins for 50c.  
B. C. Potatoes, special net cash price, \$1.65 sk.  
Five Roses Flour, "The kind you can depend on," \$4.15 a sack.  
Pickles in 1 quart jars, sweet or sour, 40c. jar.  
Apples, cold storage stock, 1.75 to 2.00 a box.  
Full line of Staple and Fancy Groceries at fair prices.

### Another Shipment General Dry Goods

Bleached Cotton and Long Cloths. Colored and Black Sateens. Fancy Draperies and Colored Cretonnes, 72 in. Sheet—twill or plain. Ready-made Sheets and Pillow Cases. Shaker Sheets, 3 sizes, 1.50, 1.75 and 2.25. White and Colored Wool Blankets. White Counterpanes.

New Collars and Cuffs. See them. They are the correct thing. Nice and not expensive.

## W. L. Ouimette

### Boots and Shoes

The INVICTUS is the best good shoe. We handle them in Men's and Ladies'. Notwithstanding the advance in the price of leather, our prices are the same as before. We have bought largely for the present season and will not advance prices until we have to buy again.

MEN'S—in Black or Tan, Button or Blucher, \$6.00.  
LADIES'—in Black, Button or Blucher, \$5.00.

We also show a large variety of Child's, Misses' and Women's Boots in lower price goods of various makes.

### Special Order Clothing

The new spring samples of 20th Century Clothing have arrived. Despite the unsettled condition of the British market and the great rise in the price of wool materials these goods have not advanced in price. You will certainly do well to look over our samples before choosing your New Suit.

















**What's in a Name?**

Smith—Hello, Jones, old man! I suppose you are going to name that new you-gater after that rich old uncle of yours?

Jones—I don't think we will.

Smith—Great Scott, man! Why not? Jones—Because my wife has said I need to name it after that rich old snail of hers.

of the province in two large sheets of four feet by two and a half, showing all the townships and boundaries, particularly the location of every municipality. The rivers and railways are also shown. The price is \$1.00. It contains a list of the municipalities, giving each the name of the reeve, clerk and councillors. This is for sale by the provincial government at 50 cents a copy.

The provincial government of Saskatchewan has just issued a new map of the province in two large sheets four feet by two and a half, showing all the townships sections, and particularly the location of every municipality. The rivers and railways are shown. The map is accompanied by a list of the municipalities, giving each the name of the mayor, secretary and councillors. This is for sale to the provincial government at six cents a copy.

## Operator Was Very Obliging

The civic officials are loud in their praise of the obliging manner in which Miss M. Patterson, one of the telephone operators, came to their assistance on the evening of the big fire in West Coleman. A lot of pails, supplies, etc., were needed at the fire, but it was impossible to carry them so far. H. Antel was looked for but could not be found, and, learning what was wanted, the young lady referred to called up no end of Coleman phones until she at last succeeded in locating Mr. Antel at the rink. She informed him as to what was needed, and his car quickly carried the buckets to the scene of the fire. Such an act of assistance is certainly commendable, and the officers of the brigade are sincerely grateful to Miss Patterson for her kindness on this occasion.

## INDIGNANT PARENTS PUT ANOTHER PUNCTURE IN PRINCIPAL'S STATEMENT

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in the paragraph quoted above. Indeed, it puts the head of the local school in a rather awkward position and demands an explanation of his previous statements, for there can be no doubt that the letter which was printed last week over the secretary's signature was inspired by the principal of the school. The Bulletin will print anything that Mr. Black cares to write about school matters—just as he writes it.

Another point that came prominently to the surface during our visits to the homes of the people during the past week was the almost unanimous opinion expressed by the parents that Mr. Black was NOT COMPETENT, or anywhere near it, while the majority declared that his predecessor was a good instructor and that their children made good progress under his tuition. In most cases the reason given for the failure of the pupils from Grades 8 and 10 to pass their examination last year was the fact that Mr. Black came to Coleman in the middle of the term, and his methods were so vastly different and inferior that the pupils got very little real instruction during the last half of the term.

One man, who has a large family, and whose name we are willing to give to the school board privately any time they want it, told our reporter that he had found it necessary to make many sacrifices in order to keep his child at school during the past year, but that she might just as well have been at home for all the instruction she got from our "High School."

Another mother told us about her son having left the "High School" because he was making absolutely no progress under Mr. Black.

And still another man, barely able to make himself understood in English, and whose name we could not just "get," stopped The Bulletin representative on the street and asked if "that man was going to stay in the school next year." He went on to explain as best he could that his child would be in the principal's room after mid-summer if it passed the examination, and he declared he might as well keep the youngster at home.

From all of which it would seem that parents have little or no confidence in the principal's ability, and this knowledge should make the problem now confronting the school board much easier of solution.

For sale—Eggs for hatching. White Leghorn. 13 for \$1.00. W. Gower, Coleman. 40

## Eggs

Splendid White Wyandotte Eggs. One Dollar a setting.

Mrs. George Dick  
Near C.P.R. Depot. Coleman, Alta.

## Government Sends Along Third Check

Mayor Morrison received this week another cheque from the Alberta Government for the sum of five hundred dollars to be used in carrying on relief work in Coleman.

This makes the third cheque of this denomination that has been given by the Government towards helping the unemployed of the town, and it is hardly necessary for The Bulletin to suggest that it was just as welcome as the flowers in May. People who have had little or no trouble in securing three meals each day during the past few months will hardly realize what a boon these three cheques have been to Coleman, but the man who has a family to look after, and has been unable to get a day's work in ten months or a year will understand something of what these remittances have saved his family from.

On the other hand, these funds have enabled the Relief Society to build a good road to West Coleman, which is now open for traffic, and if you doubt the value of that accomplishment to the community, just ask some of the teamsters who have had to lug their loads up over the hill for the past empty unpay years.

## Job Printing At The Bulletin Office

## Announcement

From now on we are going to conduct a **Strictly Cash Business**. No more credit, in any form, will be given to anybody, and our special Five Per Cent Cash Discount Coupons will also be discontinued in future.

But as a special inducement to the people of Coleman, who have given us such a liberal share of patronage in the past, we purpose cutting prices on every article in the store right down to rock bottom. You know that the quality of Grenier's Groceries cannot be excelled, and our prices will now be so low that it will be impossible to secure better bargains anywhere else in The Pass.

To all persons who pay their old accounts on or before March 22nd we will give a good substantial discount. If you owe us an account, however small, it will pay you to call and get particulars of this offer.

### Sample Prices

Our regular 50c. Coffee, now 2 lbs. for..... 1.00  
All Canned Fruits, Famous Red Feather Brand, your choice, 7 tins for..... 1.00  
All Canned Vegetables, best brand, 9 tins for..... 1.00

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## WE FIND NO FAULT

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Come and see.

**The V. H. LOWDEN CO.,**

## The School Report For February

The enrollment for the month of February was 376.

The following took first and second places respectively in the monthly written examinations:

Grade XI.—H. Clark.  
Grade X.—Mary J. Lacosti, Fernie Beck.

Grade IX.—W. C. Black, Ethel Leary.

Grade VIII.—Irene Pelletier, Sydney Smith.

Grade VII.—Fred Antrobus, Leon Tonville.

Grade VI.—Elsa Disney, Helen Morris, Emilie Pelletier. (the last two being even.)

Grade V.—Annie Surronen, Gordon Ross.

Grade IV.—Dominic Oliva, Clara Willens.

Grade IV. (Miss McDonald, teacher).—Jane Apponen, Laddie Krish.

Grade III, Sr.—Mabel Thompson, Nannie Gillespie.

Grade III, Jr.—Leah Panquin, Vincent Zikan.

Grade II, Sr.—Philip Menlik, Tony Pondlicek, (even), Victor Murray.

Grade II, Jr.—Edna Gronecutt, John Charles Steven.

Grade II, Jr. (Miss Atkinson, teacher).—George Phillips, Grace Pizen, (even), Wilfred Thompson.

Grade I, (Miss Atkinson, teacher).—Sophie Krish, Nellie Vandeurin.

Grade I, (Miss Paul, teacher).—Marguerite Cote, Helen Krugs.

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**Our New Spring Stock Has Arrived**  
and is now open for inspection

## KYANIZE

Don't overlook this most essential article in your spring housecleaning.

It has stood the test of time. Carried in stock in eight different shades.



**Kyanize**  
**WHITE ENAMEL**  
works just as well right over old paint as it does on new work. Use it for bathroom walls and fixtures, for parlor and dining-room work, for iron beds, picture frames, chairs and tables. It flows so nicely you can put it on yourself and do a good job without showing laps. It dries pure white and stays white. Will not crack, chip or peel off.

We refund your money for empty can if Kyanize does not do all we claim

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IF YOU ARE SATISFIED—TELL OTHERS

IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED—TELL US

## Fig Leaves For Clothing

may have been quite proper—and sufficient—in Adam's day, but in the present age a man is judged largely by the clothes he wears, and he cannot afford to wear ill-fitting or poorly made clothes.

"Show me a neatly and correctly dressed man and I'll show you a capable man, and one who looks carefully after his business or his employers' business carefully," said a Wall Street magnate a few days ago.

And this same principle applies to Coleman as well as to Wall Street. If you want to make a good impression you must not only be carefully dressed, but you must be correctly dressed. This is an easy matter when you wear

### "Art Clothing"

These goods are not merely "Clothes," but they are just exactly what the name implies—they are "Art Clothes." They bear the stamp of dignity and individuality and are a help to any man. The prices this spring are unusually low and the range of samples is wonderfully large. You will be making a serious mistake if you place an order for a New Spring Suit before visiting this store.

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